

*City of Wichita*  
DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND RECREATION  
Recreation Division

<b>2006</b> <b>YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE</b> <b>RULES AND REGULATIONS</b>
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1. Eligibility of Players:

- 8 and under – Cannot turn 9 prior to June 1
- 10 and under – Cannot turn 11 prior to June 1
- 12 and under – Cannot turn 13 prior to June 1
- 14 and under – Cannot turn 14 prior to June 1

2. A player may not play on more than one team during the summer.
3. Rosters cannot consist of more than fifteen (15). No addition to the roster may be added after June 10<sup>th</sup>, unless approval is granted by the Recreation Division.
4. Each team should have a minimum of one (1) coach. The maximum number of coaches is optional.
5. To be eligible to coach, one must pass a criminal background check.
6. Coaches are responsible for the well being and sportsmanship of their team.
7. A player can be released from one team to play for another, only for a sound and justified reason. The release can be granted by their current coach or the player can receive permission from the League Officers and then will be placed on another team by the Recreation Division.
8. A team using an ineligible player must forfeit the game in or games in which he has played.
9. A team must have nine (9) players to start a game. If a team has only eight (8) players, said team may borrow players from the opposing team to play.
10. Length of Games:
- 8 and under – No new inning will start after 50 minutes.
  - 10 and under – No new inning will start after 1 hour.
  - 12 and under – No new inning will start after 1 hr 10m.
  - 14 and under – No new inning will start after 1 hr. 10m.
11. In case of rain or inclement weather, three (3) innings will constitute a game. Rained out games will be rescheduled and posted on the website. (2 games maximum)
12. In case of rain before a game, call 219-9777. Take nothing for granted. If no announcements are made, games will be played as scheduled.

13. Game times will be at 6:30 pm unless otherwise designated.
14. Only seven (7) runs may be scored per inning including the last inning.
15. Free substitution is allowed. Batting the entire line-up is optional for 10u, 12u and 14u. If a team does not bat the entire line-up, then each player must have a chance to bat in at least half of all the offensive innings.
16. Machine Pitch 8 and under
  - A. Free substitution is allowed. Batting the entire line-up is mandatory.
  - B. The batter shall receive a maximum of 6 pitches or 3 swinging strikes.
  - C. Pitching Circle – Shall be 10 feet in diameter with the front edge at 40 feet from the back point of home plate.
  - D. The defensive player listed as pitcher cannot leave the pitching circle until the ball is hit.
  - E. Any batted ball hitting the pitching machine is dead and the hitter is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base. All runners advance one base.
  - F. The front legs of the machine will be placed at 40 feet.
  - G. Recommended pitching speed is 37 mph.
17. All players must play one (1) inning prior to the end of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) inning.
18. Stealing: In 8 and under machine pitch, runners may advance after the ball is pitched; runners may not steal home. In 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under, runners may steal all bases including home.
19. Infield Fly Rule: Will be used in 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under, but not in 8 and under machine pitch.
20. An official game will be called after three (3) innings, if one team leads by fifteen (15) runs; eight (8) runs after four innings.
21. Pitching distance and base lines:

	8/Under	10/Under	12 /Under	14/Under
Pitching:	40 ft	45 ft	50 ft	55 ft
Base Lines:	60 ft	65 ft	70 ft	80 ft
22. Sportsmanship and fun will be emphasized at all times.
23. Home team will be the official scorer.
24. Home team will sit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and take infield last. Each team will take infield for up to 10 minutes if time allows and will be coordinated by the umpire.
25. Protests will not be allowed! Umpire decision is final.
26. With the exception of the aforementioned rules, KHSSA Rules will govern play. Rule books can be ordered by calling (785) 273-5329.